

State Board for Crane Operators Minutes of the February 1, Meeting

Members Present: Edward St. John; Richard DeJulio; Detective Rich Cop, OSFM; Edward Shapiro

Also Attending: Elliot Henowitz, State Crane Inspector; David D'Ostillo, IUOE Local 478; Douglas Petrillo, Heavy Equipment Services; Roberta Avery, State of CT Construction Services

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.
2. Minutes of the January 4, 2012, meeting were distributed and approved with a noted addition as follows: The Crane Board approved the statutory changes proposed to Chapter 539 involving cranes and hoisting. Also, noting the capacity/weight change from 10,000 pounds to 2,000 pounds, a retesting process for crane operators every 4 years, and a more detailed apprentice procedures were listed.

3. Old Business:

The Crane Board continued their discussion on the statutory changes involving Chapter 539 (cranes and hoisting equipment) of the General Statutes of Connecticut. Roberta Avery of Construction Services updated the time frame on the statutory changes involving cranes and hoisting. The changes were extremely time sensitive and are expected back soon with corrections and minor changes that may be necessary. Soon dates will be coming as to the process of the submitted statutory changes.

4. New Business:

- A. Violation Agreements reached: none.
- B. The Crane Board continued their discussion on the requirement that an applicant (for crane testing) have at least two years of experienced in the operation of a crane prior to testing. Questions rose as to what types of crane operation and experience would be accepted to meet the requirement. The crane operator applicants in question of fulfilling the state's two year requirement of experience in the operation of a crane will be reviewed by the Crane Board on a case by case basis.
- C. The Crane Board held a discussion on allowing the weight of hydraulic cranes that fall under the authority of Chapter 539 to stay at the greater than 5 ton capacity limit that has been used to date by the previous management.
- D. The Crane Board reviewed a crane violation involving United Concrete Products of Wallingford, Connecticut. The Board discussed the situation involving the concrete manufacturing operating outside of their plant. The Crane Board made a motion to authorize to discuss and allow United Concrete Products to come into compliance by August 1, 2012. This motion was approved by the Crane Board to allow United Concrete of Wallingford to come into compliance with respect to its crane operation by August 1, 2012. –Tabled for the March meeting.

5. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.